

In Other Communities

Taken From Our Exchanges About People of Your Acquaintance

Few Horses Sold

Bowes and McPherson, horse buyers of Toronto, were in Chesley last Thursday buying horses. They advertised that they wanted two carloads of horses, farm chunks, heavy horses and large-sized drivers, but if they used two cars to ship what horses they bought looking for snags and weren't prepared, as their total purchases only amounted to four. For these they paid from \$100 to \$130. Farmers, who brought in horses, were of the opinion that these buyers were looking for snags and weren't prepared to part with their horse flesh at the low prices offered. On the other hand, the buyers thought prices asked here were considerably higher than at other points in the district.

In one instance a farmer who had brought along a fine, big driver, asked \$175 for the animal, and was greatly taken aback and quite angry when the buyer informed him he wouldn't give him \$100 for his pacer.—Chesley Enterprise.

Liquor Store For Palmerston

There are many rumors afloat regarding the establishment of a liquor store in Palmerston. In fact, vague rumors have been in circulation for some time past but lately the reports have been taking more tangible form. Certain officials who represent the control board have made several trips to Palmerston and certain properties were examined.

It is now stated that a definite choice has been made and that official announcement will be made shortly.

The site for the liquor store is stated to be the store now occupied by Cunningham's restaurant. Speaking to Mr. Roy Cunningham, the Spectator was informed that there was more than mere idle rumor in the report and while he had not received any definite word, he would not be surprised to receive such information at any time.

Those "with their ears to the ground" announce the date of opening as May 1 and that applications for positions have been sent to the persons who make the appointments.—Palmerston Spectator.

Spring Snake Story

On Monday of last week when Anthony Lorentz's son was cleaning out the horse stable, he was given a surprise by the sudden appearance of a large dark-colored snake. The reptile glided into the stall, where it coiled around the front leg of the horse. The horse, suddenly startled by the snake's action, began pawing in the stall, and succeeded in killing the reptile which was discovered to be a milk snake. It had evidently spent the winter in some sheltered hole in the foundation wall, and with the arrival of milder weather it ventured out.—Mildmay Gazette.

Took Groceries From Car.

A Hanover man, who left a parcel of groceries in his car, which was parked in the Presbyterian church shed, last Saturday afternoon, returned to find that some sneak thief had carried away the parcel. Material for a batch of home-brew beer was also among the groceries, and this may have been the attraction for the thief.—Hanover Post.

Tara Has Surplus

The Tara Hydro Commission have just received the 13th power bill. This is the bill which balances the accounts in power purchased during the past year and in the past has given this municipality many bad headaches, for in our earlier years, it has been a debit or deficit of sometimes as high as \$2,000. Last year it was a credit of \$353.00. This year, the credit is \$497.01, the best showing the town has ever made. This means that at the present rates, the Commission has been

able to pay all the costs of power, including \$449.67 for sinking fund requirements and have a balance of \$497.00, to apply on the past year's deficits. With the rural load which has developed in the past two or three months coming on the line to share the costs which Tara has carried alone for the past nine years, we can look forward with certainty to an early wiping out of the deficits and a real reduction in our present rates and the confidence that we have always had in hydro being the cheapest and best service obtainable will be fully justified.—Tara Leader.

Mumps at Meaford

There are a great many cases of mumps in town. The disease seems to have been sweeping through towns in this part of Ontario. It looked for a while as if Meaford would escape but last week many cases were reported. A great many children are away from school especially in the Public School and the first form of High School. There are few cases with anything serious wrong. In Orillia two of the High School teachers have taken mumps but there are so many children away from school that no relief teachers were required. About half the scholars are away from the Public School. Not all absentees have it but must stay home because other members of the family have it.—Meaford Express.

A Deed of Kindness

On March 8th, John Sinclair, Jr., who is courier on route number four, had the misfortune to lose his horse. On his return from Desboro along the 10th concession Sullivan, John drove into the deep snow to put Charlie O'Hara's mail in the mail box. In turning, the horse got in a hole and fell over, breaking one of its hind legs. The animal had to be shot. The courier and mail were brought back to town by John Pruder of the 14th of Brant who was returning from a sale. On Tuesday, March 20th, the farmers along the 10th of Sullivan where John delivers mail and parcels made him the present of enough money to buy another horse and the Sinclair family feel deeply grateful for the kindness of those farmers on the Peabody line. It certainly showed appreciation of the splendid service the Sinclairs have rendered on this route for the nine years they have been delivering mail and carrying parcels. For 21 years John Sinclair, Sr., carried

the Chesley to Chatsworth mail and the boys have been just as obliging couriers as their dad. John Sinclair never missed a day this winter even though the going was hard enough after some of the big snowstorms. This incident shows that courteous service pays in the end.—Chesley Enterprise.

Mount Forest Gets Hospital

At a meeting of the Hospital Board held Tuesday, the 13th inst. the President, Mr. G. L. Allen, sprung a pleasant surprise on the board by reading a letter he had just received from a Mount Forest old boy in the person of Mr. Wentworth G. Marshall, of Cleveland, Ohio, stating that he had decided to buy the Hospital and present it to the town and to send him plans for a new kitchen and sun room that are needed and he would consider that also.

Mr. Allen approached the donor in December last in behalf of the Hospital and had a ready and friendly reply, making further enquiries as to the needs and present conditions. The good offices and advice of Dr. Lewis Yeoman, another old Mount Forest boy, were called in and freely given. The final result was the magnificent offer made by Mr. Marshall in the letter referred to. The gift is greatly appreciated by the President and members of the Men's and Women's Boards and citizens generally, as it assures the continuance permanently of this much needed institution.

Mr. Marshall was a clerk in the late Mr. L. H. Yeoman's store over forty years ago, and after graduating, went to Cleveland where he has been remarkably successful in the drug business, and is now proprietor of a chain of 43 drug stores in his adopted city, and is one of the leading citizens. The old friends of Went., as he was familiarly called, are especially proud of his success and of the generosity of heart, that prompted such a splendid gift to the old town and which no doubt, will be suitably acknowledged at a later period.

A committee was appointed to secure details and plans for the new kitchen and sun room and as soon as these are ready they will be

forwarded to Mr. Marshall.—Mount Forest Confederate.

BE REASONABLE WITH THE YOUNG HORSE

On many farms there will be one or two young horses go into the collar this spring. Just how these young animals will respond to the reins and to the work will depend a good deal upon their previous treatment. A colt that has been allowed its own way or has been

abused is none too tractable and may any day cause considerable difficulty at a time when its services are urgently needed. It is a good plan to be on good terms with all the animals, particularly the colt. The young horse, or the old one for that matter, that has been idle all winter should not be expected to do a full day's work when spring opens up, unless it has been hardened by plenty of exercise during the winter. A horse that is soft

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